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GENERAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

Tilden's "Golden Chance"

NEW YORK Feb 5—Mr Springer of the Potter committee says Gov Tilden has not been subpœnaed and I have my doubts whether he will be This however does not make any material difference for many days we shall give him an opportunity of appearing before the committee, and it is not likely that he will miss the golden chance if I know him right

A Murder and Its Speedy Revenge

CHICAGO Feb 5—A terrible double tragedy occurred at Wrightsville a village in Southern Illinois on Monday night Charles L McAuliffe, a physician invited his wife and her brother Mr Heavener into his drug store and after drinking with Heavener shot him dead with a shot gun The doctor then but was found by constables but before they could get him to jail an infuriated mob of sixty persons seized him and hung him to the limb of a tree.

Rumor of Disaster.

BOSTON, Feb 5—There is a general inquiry at the navy yard owing to the rumor that the steamer *Richmond*, which sailed from Brooklyn about three weeks ago, had foundered.

A Steamer Missing

NEW YORK Feb 5—The steamship *Celtic* hence January 24th, not reported, causes some anxiety

Cattle for England.

Notwithstanding the expectation that England may prohibit the importation of American cattle two steamships hence this week for London, take 340 head

Russia's Woe America's Gain.

NEW YORK Feb 5—There is much discussion on produce exchange and in financial circles as to the effect likely to be produced on the business interests of this country by the ravages of the plague in southern Russia. The establishment of a military cordon around the infected districts, and the measures being taken by European powers for preventing the spread of the disease, are spoken of as laying an embargo on the export of Russian grain and other products The dread of the plague in infected districts is also thought likely to prevent the sowing of seed for a future crop These elements of the situation were thoroughly canvassed, and as far as I observed the opinion on 'change seems general, that from these troubles will spring an extraordinary European demand for cereals of the United States, and cause a consequent rise in prices and a brisk and profitable business in their transportation from the west to the seaboard and to Europe.

Another Indian Outrage.

OMAHA, Feb 5—News was received here to-day that Mr. Moorehead and three other cattle men were killed by Indians on the Upper Niobrara ranges, Northwestern Nebraska, January 27th, and that 89 head of cattle were run off

The Southern Pacific.

NEW YORK, Feb 5—A story in current on creditable authority that the Southern Pacific Railroad, instead of being pressed forward across Texas, is to be rapidly pushed southward to Tabac, Mexico, and thus reach and control the large Mexican trade This tends to confirm the rumor that the Southern and Texas Pacific railroad interests have been compromised and harmonized The forecasting, however, is not given by authority

The Mint Directorship.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 5—It is now definitely understood that Col Snowden has declined the directorship of the U S mint

The Widows and Orphans of the Slain.

FORT ROBINSON Neb, Feb 5—To the 21 Cheyenne prisoners consisting of 7 bucks and 14 women and children, guarded by two companies of the 3d cavalry, under Capt Vroom, left for Sidney en route to Leavenworth

Died.

Private Sproul of Company L 2nd cavalry died last night in the post hospital having been shot on January 26th within 500 yards of this post while driving an ambulance, by some unknown person

Dairyman's Convention.

CHICAGO Feb 5—The National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association have through the national committee and board of vice presidents selected Chicago as the place and from the 5th to 7th March as the time for the next annual convention Complete arrangements will be made Delegates are expected from the Pacific coast Some 15 from that section attended the last meeting

Woman's Rights.

YANKTON, Feb. 4—A bill granting suffrage to women passed the house of representatives to-day.

WASHINGTON CITY.

Favorable Reports of Oregon Bills.

WASHINGTON, Feb 4.—The senate military affairs committee to day reported favorably on a bill for payment to the state of Oregon the amount expended by the authorities and citizens in aid of the suppression of the Modoc war, with an amendment reducing the total amount from $223 000 to about $180 000

The same committee also took favorable action to-day on a bill to appropriate $50,000 for improvement of the military wagon road between Scottsburg and Camp Stewart, Or, and referred it to the committee on appropriations with a recommendation for its incorporation in one of the general appropriation bills

The committee also agreed to recommend the passage of the bill giving the court of claims jurisdiction of the claim of Robert Dunbar, for losses occasioned by breach of contract on the part of government regarding the possession and care of buildings on Port Orford military reservation

Charge against Robeson's Naval Administration.

Representative Whitthorne, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs, to day read a report prepared by him for the signatures a majority of the committee relative to investigation of the navy department under the administration of Secretary Robeson The report charges that under Robeson's administration the navy department was greatly mismanaged and calls the attention of the president to the fact, and leaves further procedure in the affair to his direction

A Compromise.

A rumor is current that the Texas Pacific and California Southern Pacific Railroad Companies have agreed upon a compromise and will jointly urge the passage of a new bill providing satisfactorily for the interests of both

U. S. Officers Resisted.

WASHINGTON, Feb 4—A report to the internal revenue office from Collector Clark at Atlanta Ga, gives an account of the whisky raid in Cherokee county, of that state in which the U S officers were fired upon by a party in ambush and several, including he guides, wounded

The Mississippi Levee Bill.

WASHINGTON Feb 5—The house refused to strike out from the Mississippi levee the provisions relating to alluvial lands. An amendment appropriating $3 at 0,0 for strengthening the Mississippi levees was with drawn and the bill passed Yeas 159 nays 7

Official Appointments.

WASHINGTON Feb 5—The president has nominated Dudley Bell collector of customs at Detroit Algernon Badger collector at Petersburg Va Orville Grant Wm. H. Smith to be removed and Wm. H. Mc Mahon postmaster at New Orleans vice Lowell

The Old Regan Claim

The House Ways and Means committee to-day heard Mr. Reagan in favor of the bill for the payment of the claim of the Express Company for the value of the mail matter destroyed by Wheeler's command in Mississippi during the war Reagan's argument was substantially the same as that made by him in the senate

Canada and the Cattle Prohibition.

TORONTO Feb 5—The cattle trade with England is at a standstill The decision of the British government as to scheduling the United States as an infected country is looked for with anxiety Should the decision be favorable to the states the Canadian government will have to undo what they have done in prohibiting for the space of three months the importation of American cattle into Canada, or their passage through any part of the dominion If this is not done the effect will be to send all trade to United States ports during that period

ALASKA.

Report of W. G. Morris on the Condition of this Neglected Territory.

Her Resources Intelligently Set Forth and Common Sense Measures Recommended for her Relief

Secretary Sherman's Views on the Report and the Situation

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

WASHINGTON Feb 5—The report on Alaska just made by Major William Governeur Morris, special agent of the treasury department was received in the senate from the secretary of the treasury to-day and ordered to be printed It is a lengthy document comprising at least a thousand pages of manuscript, and is copiously illustrated with maps and sketches of the country The report is very comprehensive and presents a great number of details regarding the resources of the territory, tending to show that it is very far from a worthless country Major Morris reports that there is ample evidence of the existence of rich mines of gold silver and copper in Alaska although their precise location is not given He furnishes an extended description of valuable fisheries and timber resources of the territory Considerable space is devoted to the subject of the disputed boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia and after reporting a mass of informat on on the subject the suggestion is made that congress should take necessary steps to settle the dispute with Great Britain by means of a joint commission The present chaotic condition of affairs in Alaska is fully set forth and the establishment to some sort of civil government for the territory is earnestly advocated

Figures are presented to show that the U S government now receives annually from the Alaska Commercial Company an amount equal to more than four per cent upon the original cost of the territory which was $7 200 000 The conduct of affairs by this company in general terms commended, and in the absence of specific proof it is acquitted of any organized attempt to retard the settlement and development of the territory The cost of maintaining customs service in Alaska since it was first established is shown to have been only fifty per cent more than the receipts, and as the customs district was created for purposes of general protection and not of local revenue the proposition for its discontinuance is pronounced unwise. Major Morris urges the construction of a new vessel for the revenue marine service on the Pacific coast there being at present not one which is adapted for extended cruises in Alaskan waters Many interesting facts are given concerning the Indian tribes of the coast and interior As regards the former an opinion is expressed that they should be kept under control not by the military, but by means of big gunboats, of which they stand in great dread In conclusion Morris warmly eulogizes efforts of the Board of Presbyterian Home Missions to introduce schools and teachers in the territory, and to congress is urged to aid in this laudable and Christian enterprise

Secretary Sherman's Opinion.

Secretary Sherman, in his letter transmitting to the senate a copy of Maj. Morris report on Alaska, remarks that portions of it indicate the necessity for the adoption of some legislation for the better protection of the inhabitants of the territory and press upon the law and order as well as the necessity for some system of land records by which titles of real estate in Alaska may be perfected Maj Morris throughout his report assumes the position of a champion of Alaska and asserts that many important facts concerning that country have been hitherto unknown, or if known have been utterly misrepresented to the general public He urges direct issue with special Agent Henry W Elliott, and charges that Elliott misrepresented a large portion of Alaska which he Elliott had never visited and of which he was profoundly ignorant There is likely to be a large demand for this report when published

Lecture on Alaska.

NEW YORK Feb 5—Rev Sheldon Jackson lectured yesterday on Alaska before the ladies of the Presbyterian board of missions urging the establishment of a woman's home at Fort Wrangel and asking $3 500 $1 000 was subscribed.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

An Astoria-Bound Vessel Wrecked

LONDON Feb 5—The British bark *Benvenue* for Astoria in ballast, has been totally wrecked The crew were landed at Batavia

Distress in Scotland Decreasing.

GLASGOW, Feb 5—Application for relief for the week ending February 1st were three hundred less than any preceding week Letter recipients have surrendered their tickets intimating that they had found employment About 30,000 persons are still supported by charity

Another Quibble.

LONDON Feb 5—The cattle trade is trying to arrange for the slaughter of cattle at the point of debarkation

The Home Rule League and Dr. Butt.

DUBLIN Feb 5—At a meeting of the Home Rule League 15 members of parliament being present a resolution which Dr Butt characterized as an expression of want of confidence in him was rejected by a vote of 17 to 22 Dr Butt was sharply criticised

Reduction of Wages Accepted

LONDON Feb 5—Six thousand colliers in the coal fields near Newcastle started to work this morning at reduced wages

The "Wellington" Fire

PORTSMOUTH Feb 5—The fire on board the flag ship *Duke of Wellington* was quickly got under control It occurred between decks and but little damage was done except from water Cause unknown

The New French Cabinet

PARIS Feb 5—A cabinet has been constituted and following are the chiefs of M Waddington president of the council and minister of foreign affairs Senator Le Royer minister of justice M De Marcere of the interior and also of public worship Admiral Jouregu berz marine Jules Ferry was appointed minister of public instruction instead of minister of commerce as was his intended, because he manifested protectionist tendencies

Eastern Affairs

LONDON Feb —A dispatch from Paris says that the town and district of Khotan were surrendered to the Jers ans on January 5th but that the Turks retain the passes until a definite boundary is settled

A Copenhagen dispatch says that a daily massacre between Germans and Danes is probable

Warlike on a Mission of Mercy

BELGRADE Feb —A regiment of troops has started from this place and in Servia on Galatz for the purpose of transferring the Russian frontier

The Plague

PALERMO Feb 5—A number of deaths from the plague of Oriental origin have occurred in Jennostrations have been made against the introduction of rags from the infected districts of Russia

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate

WASHINGTON Feb 5—The journal of yesterday's proceedings and the approval of the bill for the relief of Mrs Lincoln

A petition of Saturday night was presented by Mr Hill of Colorado and the removal of the disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution

Mr Hill introduced a bill to repeal the Japanese indemnity fund

Mr Allison introduced a bill to amend the act to provide for the payment of certain claims arising in the Mexican war

Mr Wadleigh introduced a bill to amend the act to provide for the payment of certain claims arising in the Mexican war

Mr Hill introduced a bill to amend the act to provide for the payment of certain claims arising in the Mexican war

Mr Edmunds made a report in favor of the validity of the claim of Mrs Lincoln

Mr Hill moved the motion be printed to the bill of Mrs Lincoln

Mr Edmunds objected to the motion to print

The Daily Oregonian.

THURSDAY MORNING FEB [illegible] 1879

LAW JUSTICE AND SAFETY

Have we any laws that are to be enforced? Or is our legal system with the penalties it prescribes a farce merely As we we do not know on what grounds Gov Thayer has respited the murderers Johnson and Brown But if it has been done in response to the emotional appeal gotten up here by a few persons of the class whose feelings or rather whose palpitations take the place of judgment, he has wronged the community by his action Nobody insists on enforcement of the law in these case because of a desire to take life But there is a profound conviction that it is a necessity for the safety of the community Justice too demands it The utterly fatuous plea that there was no intention on the part of these men to kill deserves no answer It is fit only for those soft and sappy people on whom the efforts of reason are forever wasted A respite is granted our telegraphic report says till some time in March If it be the intention of the governor to allow the enforcement of the penalty at that time the respite is a cruel prolongation of the torture of these condemned men If it be his intention to commute the penalty or grant a pardon in the meantime he is trifling with the law and with the community The respite will now be made the basis of a movement for commutation Should the penalty be changed to imprisonment for life it would be less matter, were there any reason to suppose the criminals would be kept there for life But they would not and they know it. Influences would be brought to bear which within a few years would effect their release. If the law be not enforced in this instance there should be no death penalty on our statute book It should be erased altogether This community will not know a more shocking crime than that which these men have perpetrated, and the salutary influence of the enforcement of the law is a thing greatly needed. Gov Thayer has shown weakness where it was supposed he was strong. The law of the case has been affirmed by our highest tribunal the justice that should prevail proclaims itself with a voice most positive and clear, and the necessity of examples to strike terror into those who would rob and murder rather than earn an honest living, is felt by every right-thinking member of the community These are highest of arguments Are they to be set aside by appeals from that class whose reason invariably gives way to their emotions, backed by the other sort who have an affinity with crime and come instinctively to the defence of those whom justice overtakes? We know we are uttering the voice of this community in this protest against interference with the course of the law in the punishment of a most wanton crime If the murder of that young boy perpetrated by these miscreants while in commission of an other crime do not demand the severest penalty, pray, then in what conceivable case of murder should the penalty be enforced? While the memory of the murder was yet fresh, it was on every one's lips that so atrocious a crime could not possibly be expiated with a less penalty than death What has been developed since to furnish any kind of excuse for the deed, or to deliver the perpetrators from their blood guiltiness? And above all, on what ground, or what pretence will any one undertake to show that the community does not require enforcement of the law to protect it against repetition of such deeds as that which startled it on that morning when an old man was struck down and robbed and an innocent boy was murdered by men who made deliberate choice of a life of crime? If we are simply intending the law as a scare crew, depend on it vast scoundrels will find it out soon

THE EASTERN PRESS AND THE CHINESE BILL.

The tone of the greater and more influential eastern journals seems on the whole to be one of hostility to the bill for restriction of Chinese immigration Some criticise it with severity Phases of the Chinese question as presented on the Pacific slope are not manifest to the eastern mind. The New York *Tribune* quotes Representative Townsend's declaration that the bill as drawn up will shut out from America one-half the human race and it hopes the senate will save the Democratic party from making a completely inconsistent record on the Chinese question It declares that the Democratic majority in the house of representatives is the direct product of foreign immigration, and that such a party is grossly inconsistent in shutting out foreign peoples from our shores The *Herald* discusses it thus California opinion of the sort of which Kearney was the most vigorous exponent has made itself felt in the house by the passage of a bill to restrict the number of Chinese immigrants to fifteen in any one ship but the bill may find less favor in the senate. As the bill is drawn it may be defended as not in explict contravention of our treaty with the Emperor of China By treaty we have pledged ourselves that Chinese subjects visiting or residing in the United States shall enjoy the same privileges immunities and exemption in respect to travel or residence as may there be enjoyed by citizens or subjects of the most favored nations Now the law does not abridge any of the immunities or exemptions of the Chinese who reside or travel here it only regulates navigation and provides how many passengers may come on one ship But of course it is intended to circumvent the treaty which course is taken in preference to a motion to abolish the treaty, because we presume the keen eyed Californians want to retain its advantageous effects while eager to relieve themselves of others It is odd that Americans should at last become converts to the great policy of the Chinese wall China has been dragged from her seclusion Commerce has been forced down her throat. For ages isolated and desiring to maintain her isolation she was besieged with appeals for treaties till she made them and now that she ventures intercourse with other countries we also want to build a wall to keep her out The *Times* is equally pronounced in its opposition It says the fifteen passenger anti Chinese bill might be seized by various title, which would more fully express its purpose than the despatch on which has been given it The bill might says be strained so as to mean pol[illegible] equal in California or the best section which seems to be [illegible] judging from the declarations [illegible] to legislate [illegible] Or the [illegible] might be [illegible] to tweak the ears of the Hoodlum ground [illegible] [illegible] by a [illegible] Chinese embassy in Washington Or again it may be regarded as an act [illegible] offices to [illegible] of that body have already passed an act looking to the restriction of Chinese immigration by the only courteous and honorable method—that of opening negotiations between the government of the United States and the government which has immigrants now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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CITY.

MARRIAGE —A pleasant wedding party occurred last evening, at the residence of Mr L Dickenson the persons particularly interested being Miss Mary Dickenson and Mr Wm M Simpson The marriage service was conducted by Rev J H Acton Miss Martin D Benson and Mr Grover B Simpson attended as bride maid and groomsman Supper after the ceremony Mr and Mrs Simpson were escorted to their new home at the corner of Fifth and Lincoln streets where during the evening they were serenaded by ladies and gentlemen composing the Apollo Society of which the groom has been prominent member The party was entertained with hearts hospitality and speedy one time pleasantly at the bride's new home Many earnest good wishes were showered upon many warm hearts present and with a hearty God Speed we join the friendly chorus

COME FROM OREGON —One by one the old landmarks of our city are passing from view Yesterday we noticed workmen engaged in removing the weather beaten sign of the old Oregon and California stage line that for years past has occupied a place over the window of what was formerly the office of that company on Stark street Westward the star of empire has wended its way but its further progress has been stopped by the turbid waters that lash the western confines of our hemisphere The lumbering stage coach is a remembrance of the past with us, and the shrill echo of the steam whistle is rapidly taking the place of the startling crack of the driver's whip as we journey through the interior portions of our state

LEG BROKEN —John Paine while under the influence of liquor entered the office of the Occidental Hotel and commenced a tirade of abuse against Mr Thomas Smith one of the proprietors In an attempt to eject the man from the premises a scuffle ensued in which Paine had his left leg broken and Mr Smith received a slight wound on his fore head Paine was carried to the St Charles where his leg was dressed and bound up by Dr Rex after which he was placed in a cab and conveyed to his room at the Clarendon Hotel

BORN ON THE WAVE —A person who was a passenger on the steamer *Idaho* has handed the following note "I send you the following note which may be of interest Born at sea on board steamship *Idaho* thirty hours from San Francisco to the wife of J Taylor, twins—a boy and a girl Mother and children are doing well The lady was kindly attended by Dr Rouke, of the 1st cavalry"

INSANE PATIENT —Sheriff J M Kelty, of Yamhill arrived in the city yesterday, having in charge a young man named Noah Dunsmore who has been adjudged insane by the authorities Dunsmore is about twenty-five years old, and is unmarried The cause of his insanity is not known. The unfortunate young man was committed to the asylum yesterday

ANNUAL MEETINGS —The several fire companies of the city will hold their annual meeting this evening for the election of company officers and members of the board of delegates The officers to be chosen in each company are president, secretary, treasurer, foreman first assistant, second assistant and three members of the board of delegates

CITY TAXES —It is important that your taxes be paid promptly to avoid additional expense and trouble to yourself and the treasurer Ad is always present at the city treasurer's office to give you the proper autograph and a clearance for another year

UNION MEETINGS —This (Thursday) evening at the Presbyterian church, the Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches will worship together New cases of decided interest are continually developing

TO THE ASYLUM —Sheriff Crossen, of Wasco county came down yesterday, having an insane man named James Flynn in charge The unfortunate man was committed to the asylum last evening

SCHOONER HONORA —A letter from Tillamook received here yesterday, states that the schooner *Honora*, from Astoria arrived at Tillamook on the 30th, with merchandise for various parties

STEAMER IDAHO —The steamer *Idaho* arrived here yesterday afternoon from San Francisco with passengers and freight. She will sail hence next Sunday morning at 5 o'clock

THE "OREGON" —A dispatch states that the steamship *Oregon* arrived at San Francisco from this city yesterday morning

THE COURTS.

PORTLAND, February 5, 1879

U S DISTRICT COURT—DEADY J

In the matter of James Laidlaw, a bankrupt—Order that assignee sell personal property assigned to Laidlaw by Fitzpatrick Davis & Co, in accordances with petition of assignee and report of register and terms of said assignment.

U S vs McDonald and Fry—Information for aiding a soldier of the U S army to desert—Trial by the court without the intervention of a jury—cause tried and submitted.

STATE CIRCUIT COURT—BELLINGER, J.

H Cooke vs Multnomah County—Writ of review argued and submitted

Celista A Flumas vs Henry Flumas—Order for publication of summons.

I Vandyn vs M. M. Spaulding—Referred to Seneca Smith to take testimony in proceedings supplemental to execution.

Court adjourned without date.

COUNTY COURT—RICE, JUDGE.

LAW.

H Cooke vs the Telegram Publishing Co.—Demurrer to complaint sustained and plaintiff allowed until Saturday morning to file amended complaint.

Wong Ling by J. P. O. Lowndale, guardian, vs Yuen Wa & Co—Cause set for trial Saturday morning next, at 9 o'clock

Abel Bron vs W. H. Anderson—Demurrer to complaint overruled and defendant allowed until to morrow morning to file answer

PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Kelly, deceased—Order made directing administrator to turn over certain personal property of deceased to Bridget Kelly and A. J Kelly

In the matter of the estate of Almon Payne deceased—Order for sale of real estate of deceased

NEW BOOKS.

The following new books have been added to the Portland Library.

The Seer, or Common Places Refreshed A collect ion of essays for the first time published (taken from the London Journal" Lib Monthly Repository" "Tattler," and Round Table. By Leigh Hunt, two vols in one

No Name Series

Count Monaldini a Niece

The Wolf at the Door, the same

Captain No man A Romance of Colonial Days by Samuel Drake Adams

Reading as a Fine Art, by Ernest Legouve, of the Academie Francaise Translated from the ninth edition by Abby Langdon Alger

The Dramatic Works of Right Hon Lord Lytton comprising The Duchess La Vallière Richelieu The Lady of Lyons, Money and Not so Bad as we Seem

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

DEEDS

Lyle F Bee to L Fleischner lot 8 block [illegible] Add—$10 000

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 5, 1874.

THE BIRD-CATCHER.

I walk along the woodland ways,
And up in fir and pine I gaze
And oft enough the birds I see.
But none fly near to me.

They all appear to fly away
Whene'er my trap I chance to lay,
And empty handed, as I come,
I have to wend toward home.

I ought to see with grief and dread
How badly has my fowling sped.
But let it fall me as it will,
I am contented still.

One snare I have still left behind.
I never yet did enemy find
As glad the bird for it will make
As'd the same shall take.

And when to night my home is made,
For that bird shall my trap be laid.
That bird's name is my girl—my lap
Is that girl's very trap.

—*From Ch. Sealsfield's Romances.*

THE FAITEFUL GUEST.

There was something, I forget what, to take grandfather and grandmother away from home one day in October of the year I lived with them in Burn's Hollow. It may have been a funeral or some religious meeting, for they both drove off dressed in the gig, with old "Ajax" harnessed to it; and after I had tucked in grandpa's iron-gray silk skirt and ran back to the house for grandpa's spectacles, and had seen the gig vanish in the distance, I felt lonely. Burn's Hollow was a lonesome, rambling mansion, which might have sheltered a regiment, had a ghostly air about it when one wandered through the upper rooms alone.

There were but two servants in the kitchen, Hannah Oakes and *the Irish lad* Anthony. I heard them laugh merrily together, for, though Hannah was an old woman, she was full of fun, and in five minutes the door opened and Hannah came with the tray.

"Please, miss," she said, as she set it down, "may I run over to Mapleton to-night? My sister's daughter had a boy last night, they say, and I want to see it, naturally—it's the first I've ever had of grand-niece or nephew."

"Who brought the news?" I asked.

"Anthony, Miss," said Hannah. "He met George—that's my niece's husband—when he was out after the cow, straying as she always is, and told him to tell Hannah 'she's a grandaunt.'"

"You may go," I said, "but don't stay late. Grandpa and grandma may be away all night, and I feel nervous. To be sure, there is Anthony, but I never rely on him. Be certain not to stay late." I repeated this injunction with a sort of fright stealing over me—a presentiment of evil, I might say—and something prompted me to add: "Be back at nine." Why, I can not say; but I felt as if by nine I should be in some peculiar danger.

Hannah promised, and after doing all I required, went away, and I heard her heavy shoes on the garden walk outside.

Early as it was, I had dropped the curtain and lighted the wax candles on the mantel, and I sat long after my tea, finding a certain companionship in it, as women of all ages will.

I sat, thus a long time, and was startled from my reverie by a rap at the door—a timid sort of rap—so I knew at once that it was not a member of the house nor an intimate friend. I waited, expecting Anthony to open the door, but finding he did not, went to it myself.

It had grown quite dark, and the moon rose late that night. At first I could only make out a crouching figure at the bottom of the porch; but when I spoke it advanced, and by the light of the hall lamp I saw a black man. I had always had a sort of fear of a negro, and instinctively shrunk away, but as I did so he spoke in a husky whisper: This is Mass Morton's, isn't it?"

"Yes," I replied, "but grandfather is out."

I retreated as he advanced.

"Please, Miss," he said, "Judge B. sent me here. He said massa 'ud help me on. Let me stay here a' night, Miss. I's trabled five days since I left him, hidin' like. I's awful hungry. 'Pears like I'd drop, and ole massa's arter me. For de lub ob breaben, Miss, let me hide somewhere, and gib me jes' a crust. Massa Morton 'ud help me, and it's kept me up. Misens will, I know."

I knew that grandfather had given succor to some of these poor wretches before; but I felt that I might be doing wrong by admitting a stranger to the house, during his absence.

Caution and pity struggled with me. At last I said, "You have a note from the judge, I suppose, sir?"

"I had some writin' on a paper," said the man, "but I's lost it de night it rained so. Ah! Miss, I's tellin' de truff—judge sent me as sure as I's a sinner. I's been helped along so far, and 'pears like I may get to Canada. Can't go back noways. Wife dare and young uns. Got clear a year ago. Miss, I'll pray for you ebry day of my life if you'll be so good to me. Tank you, Miss."

For somehow when he spoke of wife and children I had stepped back and let him in.

It was the back hall door to which the rap had come, and the kitchen was close at hand. I led him hither. When I saw how worn he was, how wretched and how his eyes glistened, and how his head beat under his rough blue shirt, so that you could count the pulses, I forgot my caution. I brought out cold meat and bread, drew a mug of cider, and spread them on the table. The negro ate, and I went to find Anthony, to whom I intended to give directions for his lodging throughout the night.

To my surprise, Anthony was nowhere about the house or garden.

Hannah must have taken him with her across the lonely road to Mapleton.

It was natural, but I was angry.

Yet I longed for Hannah's return, and listened very anxiously until the clock struck nine. Then, instead of her footsteps, I heard the patter of raindrops and the rumbling thunder, and looking out saw a heavy storm was coming on.

Now, certainly, grandpa and grandma would not come, and Hannah, waiting for the storm to pass, would not be here for hours. However, my fear of the negro was quite gone, and I felt a certain pride in myself in conducting myself bravely under these trying circumstances.

Accordingly I went up stairs, found in the attic sundry pillows and bolsters, and carried them kitchenward.

"Here," said I, "make yourself a bed on the settee yonder, and be easy for the night. No one will follow you in such a terrible storm as this, and no doubt grandpa will assist you when he returns home. Good night."

"Good night, and God bless you, Miss," still speaking in a very husky whisper. And so I left him.

But I did not go up stairs to my bedroom. I intended for that night to remain dressed, and sit up in grandpa's arm-chair, with candles and a book for company. Therefore I locked the door, took the most comfortable position, and opening a volume composed myself to read.

Reading, I fell asleep. How long I slept I cannot tell. I was awakened by a low sound like the prying of a chisel.

At first it mixed with my dreams so completely that I took no heed of it, but at last I understood that some one was at work upon the lock of the door.

I sat perfectly motionless, the blood curdling in my veins, and still chip, chip, went the terrible little instrument, until at last I knew whence the sound came.

Back of the sitting room was grandpa's study. There, in a great, old-fashioned chair, were stored the family plate, grandma's jewelry, and sundry sums of money and valuable papers. The safe itself stood in a closet where the thief was now at work.

The thief—and, without doubt, the negro I had fed and sheltered.

Perhaps the next act would be to murder me if I listened. The storm was still raging, but though the road was lonely, better that than this house with such horrible company. I couldn't save my grandfather's property, but I could save my own life.

I crept across the room and into the hall and to the door. There, softly as I could, I unfastened the bars and bolts. Yes, that one was above my reach. I waited and listened. Then I moved a small chair to the spot and climbed upon it. In doing so, I struck my shoulder against the door frame.

It was a slight noise, but at that moment the chip of the chisel stopped. I heard a gliding foot, and, horror of horrors, a man came in from the study, sprung toward me, and clutched me with both hands, holding my arms as in a vice, while he hissed in my ear: "You'd tell, won't you? You'd call help? You might better have stayed, you had; for, you see, you've got to pay for waking. I'd rather live let a chunk like you off; but you know me now, and I can't let you live."

I stared in his face with horror mingled with an awful surprise; for now that it was so close to me I saw, not the negro, but our own hired man, Anthony—Anthony, whom I had supposed to be miles away with Hannah. He was little more than a youth, and I had given him many a present, and had always treated him well.

I pleaded with him kindly.

"Anthony, I never did you any harm; I am young; I am a girl. Don't kill me, Anthony. Take the money, don't kill me, for poor grandma's sake."

"You'll tell on me," said Anthony, doggedly; "likely I'd be caught. No, I have got to kill you."

As he spoke he took his hands from my shoulders and clutched my throat fiercely.

I had time to utter one suffocating shriek, then I was struggling, dying, with sparks in my eyes, and a sound of roaring water in my ears, and then—what had sprung upon my assassin, with the swift silence of a leopard? What had clutched me from behind, and stood over him with something glittering above his head? The last I heard were the horrid noises that had gathered over my eyes; as sight returned I saw the negro with his foot upon Anthony's breast.

The fugitive whom I had housed and fed had saved my life.

Then ten minutes after—ten minutes in which, but for that poor slave's presence, I would have been hurried out of life—the rattle of wheels and the tardy feet of old "Ajax" were heard without, and my grandparents were with me.

It was needless to say that we were not ungrateful to our preserver; needless, also, to tell Anthony's punishment.

It came out during his trial that he had long contemplated the robbery; that, the absence of my grandparents appearing to afford an opportunity, he had decoyed Hannah away with a lie, and hid in the study. He knew nothing of the negro's presence in the house, and, being naturally superstitious, had actually fancied my protector a creature from the other world, and submitted without a struggle.

Long ago—so we heard—the slave, a slave no longer, met his wife and children beyond danger; and, now that the bonds are broken for all in this free land, doubtless his fears are over, and he sits beside his humble Canadian hearth when eventide comes.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Financial.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 5, 1874.

Silver coin—2@2¼ per cent. discount.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Currency—99.65@par. Silver—97½@98c.

Currency exchange on New York in gold, ¼@¾ c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5—Silver bullion, $1 09.

Sterling exchange, prime bankers, in gold, long, 4.86; short, 4.83½; good bankers engage from 7 to 10c lower; good commercial from 1 to 2c lower, documentary, 2 to 17c lower.

U. S. bonds 5 20s of 1867, 102¾; 5s of 1881, 101½.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 4—1130 P. M.—Coupons 106 5-16, money, 106, account.

The business situation is not materially changed. Monetary matters remain in the same quiet condition, with a full supply or available funds in bank, but no special causes are in operation to enhance the volume of capital in general circulation.

No more activity prevails in the breadstuffs market than was noticed yesterday, exporters being as much as ever opposed to advance prices, while holders are, if anything, still firmer in their views and no more inclined to make concessions.

We are in receipt of a trade circular from a Liverpool house, in which the present and prospective condition of the salmon trade is set forth in no very encouraging light. It says:

With gigantic strides the packing of this article on the Columbia river alone, has, in 11 years, advanced from less than 5,000 cases (in 1863) to over 420,000 cases (in 1873), and there are now on that river from 20 to 22 canneries of a combined capacity of over 500,000 cases. The packing in this district is this year announced as between 320,000 and 350,000 cases, ahead of 1872, and leading up to over 500,000 cases. The Fraser river and district generally contribute this season between 70,000 and 80,000 cases from about a dozen canneries. No definite statistics have been received as to the Sacramento up-put, but with a reported capacity of 100,000 cases on the part of one cannery alone, we think we are safely within the mark in reckoning that figure for the total pack of the river, especially should the canneries have taken due advantage of the enormous fall run of fish announced in September. We are of opinion, that when the exact totals of the entire Pacific coast are disclosed, the combined up-put will be found to have exceeded considerably 900,000 cases.

In respect of 1873 quality of salmon, we fear less attention has been paid to the grades than the lower prices anticipated having encouraged some packers to attempt by short weight of fish and other means to meet a lessened return. The rubbish packed by one or two firms will do much to turn public taste from the article, and the practice cannot be too severely condemned.

Without laying ourselves open to a charge of pessimism, we must say that we still take, as we have done, a despondent view of the market for this article. Low prices will be a disappointment to many, but we hardly see why packers should have yielded to any demands of fishermen, or to other actions likely to increase production cost. We regret if the loss will fall heavily on first hands, but should any sympathize if speculators suffered severely. Consideration should have been paid to the low figures which had to be accepted in the best part of the season, on the English market, for parcels of best brands. The attempt to bolster up the market by storing 1575 fish in San Francisco proved abortive, and the goods had ultimately to be shipped to the United Kingdom at increased cost of storage and handling, and to a fallen market.

The entire quantity of salmon arrived and afloat from Pacific coast this season to United Kingdom is over 100,000 cases, as against about 250,000 cases last year. It must be remembered, however, that about 15,000 cases were forwarded in San Francisco last year, and not shipped till later than the present time. Columbia river has more than hitherto been her own exporter, shipping direct to the United Kingdom this season 210,285 cases, as against 52,500 cases last year, and San Francisco shipments have proportionately decreased. From Vancouver, B.C., one ship has sailed direct for London with over 35,000 cases, and another with a quantity not much under this figure.

In conclusion, we would say that it is apparent that a crisis has been reached in the market for this article, and further developments are watched with considerable interest.

The canneries on the Columbia are somewhat over-estimated, their total capacity being less than the amount stated by about 150,000 cases, nor is it likely that any of them will be run to their utmost capacity during the coming season.

As our dispatches state, another vessel, the British bark Runnymede, bound for Oregon, has been totally wrecked.

The steamship Idaho, hence for San Francisco, will sail at 5 A. M. Sunday.

English Wheat Market.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Floating cargoes, very dull.

Cargoes on passage and for shipment neglected; no business doing.

Good cargoes off coast—No. 1 spring wheat, medium Chicago or Milwaukee, 3rd lbs, sea damage for sellers account less usual 2½ per cent commissior, 39s 6d@40s; red winter 43s; California, 500 lbs, 42s 6d.

Good shipping California wheat on passage, per 500 lbs, Queenstown for orders, just shipped or to be shipped promptly, 44s; nearly due, 42s 6d.

Fair average Chicago or Milwaukee for shipment present month and following one, 480 lbs, American terms, 37s.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—Wheat, spot, dull.

Fair to choice shipping club, per cental, 8s 2d@8s 5d.

Fair to choice shipping California, per cental, 8s 10d@8s 2d.

Red Am. spring shipping, No. 3 to No. 2, per cental, 7s 2d@8s 2d.

San Francisco Produce and General Markets.

[FIRST DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.

Wheat—Quiet, but firmly held; New York market dull at $1 04@1 11.

Barley—All kinds dull.

Corn—Offerings fair; demand small; prices steady.

Flour—Very dull at unchange rates.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

Wheat—Offerings of choice are small and the general features of the market are unchanged. Among the sales made public to day were the following: 200 tons of California, shipping of good quality, at $1 07½@1 10, on wharf; and 1 boat of a sale of 1,800 tons on wharf, made in Liverpool per samples sent, price supposed to be $1 07.

Oats—Market firm, with offerings of choice.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.

Wheat—85½@86 per bushel, February delivery.

Shipping Intelligence.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Arrived—Str Josephine from Seattle; bk Portland and Excelsior from Milton; Amsh Annie Lee and Amsh H. L. Tiernan, from Shoalwater Bay; shr Compeer, Port Blakely.

Cleared—Br sh Alfear for Queenstown; Br sh Corona, for Cork.

Sailed—Hamburg for Port Townsend.

HAYES, Feb. 5.—Arrived—Sh Sterling, San Francisco.

CAPE ANN, Dec. 29—Sailed—Hon bk Chieftain, for Oregon probably for Puget Sound.

VICTORIA, Feb. 5—Str Otter passed Port Discovery, bound south.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4—Br bk Runnymede for Astoria, wrecked, a total loss, crew landed at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 4—Sailed—Bk Antonia, San Francisco.

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C & C—300 shs $14¾, 14¾.
B & B—275 shs $23¾, 24, 23¾, 24, 24, 24.
Cals—800 shs 8¾, 8, 8⅝, 8¾.
Savage—500 shs $1 50, 1 51, 1 50.
Con Va—200 shs $2 37½, 2 37½.
Chollar—100 shs $10, 10¼.
A & N—150 sl s $1 8½, 1 8¾, 1 9.
Point—100 shs 50¾, 50¾.
Jacket—300 shs $2½, 2½, 2½, 2¾, 2¾.
Imp1—500 shs $1 15 1 2.
Kentuck—600 shs 5¾, 5¾, 5¾.
Alpha—100 sl s 11¾, 11¾, 11¾.
Belcher—550 shs $6¾, 6¾.
Confidence—400 shs $19¾, 19¾.
Sav—100 shs $47½, 47½.
Utah—60 shs $15¾.
Bullion—970 shs $8¾, 8¾, 8¾.
Exchequer—1100 shs $6¾, 6¾, 6¾.
Overman—700 shs $10¾, 10¾.
Justice—600 shs $3½, 3½, 3½.
Succor—1000 shs 10, 10, 10, 1 10.
Union—100 shs $50½.
Alta—100 shs 55¾.
Lady Bryan—400 shs $1 10, 1 10.
Julia—200 shs 8¾, 8¾, 8¾.
Caledonia—1100 shs 70, 70, 70.
Baltimore—400 shs $1 25, 1 25.
S Hills—1 sh $21.
Challeng—300 shs $1 40.
Bardanelles—500 shs $1 10, 1 10.
N Y—900 shs $1 35@1 30.
Sheridan—100 shs 85c.
Wide West—1 sh 85c.
Lady Washington—200 shs $1 05, 1 05.
Aurika—2 sh 20c.
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Mistar—1 sh 35.
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N Bonanza—1800 shs $2 1 05, 1 00.
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Jackson—100 shs 5¾.
Belmont—50 sl s 50c.
Leopard—150 shs 80c, 85.
Belle—50 shs 8¾.
Hussey—200 shs 10c.
Manhattan—175 shs $3¼, 3¼.
Prize—370 shs 24, 24, 24, 24, 24.
Argenta—800 shs 6¾.
Nevada—300 shs 25c, 20.
Enchantment—200 shs 10c.
Star—20 shs 60c.
High Bridge—410 shs $1 85, 1 75.
Paradise—850 shs $2½, 2 30, 2 40.
Albion—1000 shs 20c.
Real Delmonte—400 shs 5¾.
Bodie—400 shs 8⅝, 8¾, 8¾, 8¾.
Bechtel—80 shs 75c.
Tioga—300 shs $1 40.
Summit—180 shs $2 10.
Bulwer—50 shs $2 15, 2 15.
Goodshaw—450 shs 30c.
Oriental—150 shs 50c.
Syndicate—25 shs 82.
Belvidere—100 shs 70c.
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Hooker—650 shs 40c.
Mono—250 shs $1 1.
Con Pacific—35 shs $1 1.
Dudley—200 shs 80c, 75.
South Butwer—700 shs 60c, 65.
Tip Top—140 sl s $1, 85c.
S King—30 shs 10c.
G Yuma—100 sl s $3½.
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